



Youth, Family, and Veterans Events Calendar:

Conservation groups across the state are hosting youth, family, and veteran events in record numbers this fall! Below is a list of events for September and October 2013, organized by region (central, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest.) If you are hosting, or know of an event in your area, contact Royce, so he can help the organizers promote the event. Additionally, if you are collaborating with a conservation organization to put on your hunter education course or field day, please contact Royce so he can ensure the organization gets credit for their support. Your courses are a great opportunity for conservation organizations to get involved and help out, and they are a great opportunity to advertise upcoming events in your area. Doing so will help hunter education graduates find opportunities to hunt and get outdoors immediately after graduating. As we have seen, attending a hunter education course does not necessarily mean participants will become committed hunters. With the opportunities like mentored hunts, outdoor events, and scholastic shooting teams, we provide them with the repeated experiences needed to create lifelong conservationists and hunters.

September 2013:

Central Iowa:

1. Greene County: September 14, 2013. Join your Greene County Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Foundation, 4-H, and Iowa DNR for their annual Greene County Youth Day. Events include black powder rifle shooting, air rifle ranges, shotgun range, archery, casting, tree stand safety, and trapping demonstrations. Contact Dean Ross at 515-386-4402 or go to www.greenecoyouthday.info/ for more information.
2. Story County: September 14, 2013. The Story County Chapter of Pheasants Forever welcomes veterans for their annual veteran hunt. Contact Eric Phipps at 515-209-9349.
3. Osceola: September 28, 2013. The Iowa Capitol, North Polk, Warren County, and Mud Creek chapters of Pheasants Forever invite you to their yearly Mid Iowa Youth Event. Events include hunter safety, trap shooting, air rifle range, archery, pheasant biology and cleaning, and a gun raffle. Contact Uriah Hansen at uhansen6@gmail.com or 641-640-1273 for more information.

Northwest Iowa:

1. Ida County: September 15, 2013. Ida County and Cherokee County Pheasants Forever Chapters are hosting a Young Guns Youth Shooting Event. The event will include air rifle ranges, trap shooting, and much more. Contact Scott Osborn at 712-229-5268 or soilpig@hotmail.com for more information.
2. Woodbury County: September 22, 2013. The Woodbury County Chapter of Pheasants Forever is hosting a youth shoot, where kids can learn to sharpen their skills on various firearms. Contact Glenn Eckert at geckert@sioux-city.org or 712-490-5656 for more information.

Southwest Iowa:

1. Harrison County: September 12, 2013. Join the Boyer Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever for their youth outdoors event. For more information, contact Mark Herman at 402-651-0564.

Southeast Iowa:

1. Appanoose County: September 21, 2013. The annual Youth Muzzleloader Mentored Deer Hunt





in honor of Andrew Lind is being held at Sharon Bluffs State Park. Youths ages 10-15 from Appanoose County are encouraged to participate. Contact Patti Lind at 641-856-2173 for more information.

2. Van Buren County: September 29, 2013. Your Van Buren County Chapter of Pheasants Forever and Little Fox Clays shooting complex are teaming up to hold their first youth shooting event. Contact Ted Daugherty at 319-471-3744 for more information.
3. Cherokee County: September 29, 2013. The Cherokee County Chapter of Pheasants Forever is excited to invite youth to their annual youth hunt this year. Contact Scott Osborn at 712-229-5268 or soilpig@hotmail.com for more information.

October 2013:

Central Iowa:

1. Polk County: October 5, 2013. The Polk County Conservation Board, Ducks Unlimited, and the Iowa DNR are hosting an outdoor skills day. Contact Nate Anderson at 515-238-4849 or nate.anderson@dnr.iowa.gov for more information.
2. Jasper County: October 12, 2013. The Jasper County Chapter of Pheasants Forever is hosting a youth mentored hunt at Wild Feather Hunt Club in Baxter, IA. Contact Nathan Unsworth at 309-371-3365 for more information.
3. Story County: October 12, 2013. Story County Pheasants Forever is hosting a mentored youth hunt at Peterson Park in Ames, IA. Contact Don Berning at 515-290-6578 for more information.
4. Humboldt County: October 13, 2013. Humboldt County Pheasants Forever Chapter welcomes youth to their outdoor event at Vitzthum Farm near Humboldt, IA. Contact John Kollmorgen at 515-890-7043 for more information.
5. Polk County: October 19, 2013. The Polk County Conservation Board, Ducks Unlimited, and the Iowa DNR are also hosting a youth hunt. For more information, contact Nate Anderson at 515-238-4849 or nate.anderson@dnr.iowa.gov.
6. Wright County: October 19, 2013. Join the Four Seasons Chapter of Pheasants Forever for their youth pheasant hunt in Belmond, IA. For more information, contact Todd Smith at 515-571-8276 or tasiowan@yahoo.com.

Northeast Iowa:

1. Mitchell County: October 12, 2013. Mitchell County's Pheasants Forever chapter invites you to their annual youth hunt. Contact Jim Doidge at 641-732-5204 or jdoidge@osage.net for more information.
2. Black Hawk County: October 19, 2013. Meet at the Cedar Falls Gun Club to join the Black Hawk County Chapter of Pheasants Forever for their youth pheasant hunt. Contact Chad Homewood at 319-290-8281 for more information.
3. Delaware County: October 19, 2013. Delaware County Pheasants Forever is hosting their annual youth pheasant hunt. Contact Tony Helmrich at 563-920-4590 or tjsilvercreek@hotmail.com for more information.
4. Butler County: October 19, 2013. The North Butler Chapter of Pheasants Forever welcomes youth to their youth pheasant hunt. Contact Jason Steere at 319-269-7063 or





steerej@gmail.com for more information.

5. Howard County: October 20, 2013. The Upper Iowa River Pheasants Forever Chapter is hosting their annual youth pheasant hunt at the LeRoy Rod and Gun Club from 8:00 AM to noon. Contact Nathan Schwickerath at 563-419-4802 or Nathan.schwickerath@cgb.com for more information.

Northwest Iowa:

1. Woodbury County: October 5, 2013. The Iowa DNR is hosting a youth waterfowl hunt at Owego Wetland Complex. Contact Steve Griebel at 712-301-4009 or steven.griebel@dnr.iowa.gov for more information.
2. Cherokee County: October 6, 2013. Cherokee County Pheasants Forever welcomes you to their youth shooting day to learn and improve shooting firearms of all types. Contact Scott Osborn at 712-229-5268 or soilpig@hotmail.com for more information.
3. Ida County: October 12, 2013. Ida County Pheasants Forever is hosting their yearly youth hunt at Brittner's Preserve near Webb, IA. Contact Paul Larson at 712-368-5263 or vp Larson@ruralwaves.us for more information.
4. Buena Vista County: October 19, 2013. The Buena Vista Chapter of Pheasants Forever is hosting a trap shoot and mentored pheasant hunt for youth at the Buena Vista Gun Club. Contact Larry Schultz at 712-299-8981 for more information.
5. Sac County: October 19, 2013. Sac County Pheasants Forever is hosting a mentored youth pheasant hunt at the Black Hawk Wildlife Unit Headquarters. Contact Luke Feilmaier at 712-660-0306 for more information.
6. Carroll County: October 19, 2013. Carroll County Pheasants Forever is hosting a youth pheasant hunt at the AVAD Hunt Club near Coon Rapids, IA. Contact Jake Christensen at 712-792-4614 for more information.
7. Worth County: October 19, 2013. Your North Prairie Chapter of Pheasants Forever is hosting a youth hunt. Contact Dean Mueller at 641-390-0701 or dean.mueller@worthcounty.org for more information.

Southeast Iowa:

1. Iowa County: October 2, 2013. The Iowa County Chapter of Pheasants Forever is hosting a youth pheasant hunt at Safari Iowa near Parnell, IA. Contact Jake at 319-631-5552 for more information.
2. Lee County: October 12, 2013. The Great River Chapter of Quail Forever is hosting their annual youth hunt at Glasscock's Shooting Preserve. Contact Walt Baker at 319-795-0495 for more information.
3. Des Moines County: October 17 and 18, 2013. The Iowa Fish and Game Conservation Officer's Association is hosting a wounded warrior hunt at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. Contact Paul Kay at paul.kay@dnr.iowa.gov or 319-759-0751 for more information.
4. Johnson County: October 19, 2013. Johnson County Pheasants Forever is hosting a youth mentored pheasant hunt. Contact Tom Fuller at 319-321-9775 or tfuller@pheasantsforever.org.
5. Poweshiek County: October 20, 2013. Join the Poweshiek County Chapter of Pheasants forever as they team up with the Big Springs Shooting Complex to host youth, ages 12 to 15, at their Youth Pheasant Hunt. Admission is free, but participants must bring their own guns and ammo. Food, guides, dogs, and safety glasses will be provided, and if you are interested, call Eric Deppe





at 641-990-7601 or email him at emdepp@yahoo.com.

Southwest Iowa:

1. Cass County: October 19, 2013. Cass County Pheasants Forever is hosting a youth pheasant hunt at Hansen Outfitters in Anita, IA. Contact Tom at 712-249-5356 for more information.

